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SUBJ: TWO KIDNAPPINGS IN GUADALAJARA OCTOBER 10

REF: SHANKLE-TEARE AND ESTEP-TORREY TELECONS, OCT 10.

1. CONFIRMING INFORMATION ALREADY REPORTED IN OTHER CHANNELS, AND IN PART BY AP OUT OF GUADALAJARA, GOM ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 10 ANNOUNCED TWO KIDNAPPINGS WHICH TOOK PLACE IN DIFFERENT NEIGHBORHOODS OF GUADALAJARA THIS MORNING AND APPARENTLY ONLY MINUTES APART. VICTIMS AS FOLLOWS:

2. DR. ANTHONY DUNCAN WILLIAMS (PHYSICIAN), AGE UNKNOWN, HONORARY BRITISH CONSUL IN GUADALAJARA SINCE 1965; NATIONALITY VARIOUSLY REPORTED AS DUAL BRITISH-MEXICAN AND AS MEXICAN ONLY.

3. FERNANDO ARANGUREN CASTILLO, 36, MEXICAN EXECUTIVE OF REAL ESTATE AND EDIBLE-OIL FIRMS AND SON OF PRESIDENT OF BANK OF GUADALAJARA.

4. ACCORDING TO MEDIA, WILLIAMS' CAR WAS FOUND ABANDONED WITH TWO EMPTY .38-CALIBER SHELL CASINGS IN IT; HE AND HIS FOUR ABDUCTORS, DESCRIBED BY EYE-WITNESSES AS LONG-HAIRED "HIPPIE" TYPES, ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER VEHICLE. ARANGUREN'S CAR SIMILARLY FOUND ABANDONED.

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5. NO WORD AS YET ON RANSOM DEMANDS. BRITISH EMBASSY REPORTEDLY REFUSING COMMENT TO LOCAL MEDIA.

6. COMMENT: UNTIL RANSOM DEMANDS BECOME KNOWN, WE CAN ONLY SPECULATE AS TO MOTIVATION OF THESE LATEST KIDNAPPINGS. HOWEVER, CONNECTION WITH KIDNAPPING OF CONSUL GENERAL LEONHARDY IN GUADALAJARA LAST MAY, AND WITH DETENTION OF TWO OF HIS KIDNAPPERS THERE IN AUGUST, IS CONSIDERED HIGHLY POSSIBLE. IN ANY CASE, THE RESPITE GOM SEEMED TO HAVE EARNED ONLY TWO DAYS AGO WITH ARREST OF MEXICO CITY KIDNAP-MURDER GANG (MEXICO 7619) HAS QUICKLY ENDED.
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